

Nebraska Volleyball

Nebraska vs. Kansas State - Oct. II, 2003

A Look at the Huskers (15-1)

The seventh-ranked Nebraska volleyball team faces No. 12 Kansas State today in a match that could have important implications on the Big 12 Conference race. Nebraska ranks first in the conference with a 7-0 mark, and KSU defeated Missouri in five games Wednesday to take over second place in the league standings with a 5-1 Big 12 record.

The Huskers are also coming off a hard-fought victory, as they defeated Kansas in four games in Lawrence Wednesday. Nebraska produced its best blocking performance of the season with 22 team blocks to KU's three stops. Sophomore middle blocker Melissa Elmer led the way with 15 blocks. The mark ranks third all-time on the NU singlematch performance lists.

Elmer also had a career-best 16 kills and hit at an incredible .577 clip, while sophomore outside hitter Jennifer Saleaumua tallied a career-best 19 kills. Saleaumua has led Nebraska in kills in five of the last six matches, and she leads Nebraska in conference matches with 3.67 kills per game.

Nebraska carries several streaks into today's match. NU has won 78 straight matches against conference opponents, including 42 straight at home. Kansas State was actually the last Big 12 team to defeat the Huskers at the Coliseum. The Wildcats stole a five-game match from NU in 1999. NU's streak ranks fourth in NCAA history.

Following tonight's contest, NU will play its third straight match against a team in the top half of the league standings. Nebraska plays host to Missouri Oct. 15 at the NU Coliseum at 8 p.m.

A Look at Kansas State

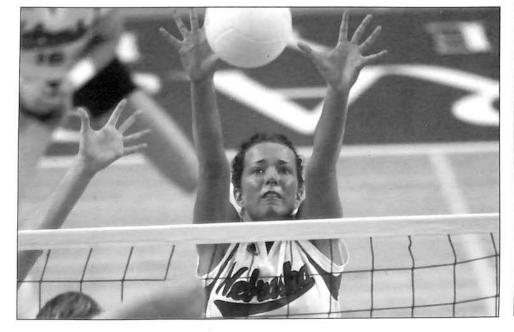
Location: Manhattan, Kan.	Lo
Enrollment:22,396	En
Nickname: Wildcats	Ni
Colors: Purple and White	Co
Arena: Ahearn Field House	
Capacity:5,000	Ca
President:Dr. Jon Wefald	
Athletic Director:Tim Weiser	
Head Coach: Susie Fritz (Florida Atlantic, 1994)	He
Record at School:56-20 (3 years)	Re
2003 Record 15-3, 5-1 Big 12	200
2002 Record: 21-9, 16-4 Big 12	200
2002 Postseason: 1-1, NCAA second round	200
2002 Final Ranking:21st (AVCA)	200
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Starters R/L:6/2	Sta

Nebraska-Kansas State Series

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Series Record:	Nebraska leads 66-1
I	H: 25-1, A: 29-0, N: 12-0
Last Meeting:	. NU won, 3-0, 11/30/02
Last NU Loss:	9/22/99
Longest NU Winning S	treak:58
Current NU Winning S	treak:8

Series Notes

- ▶ Nebraska enters 2003 with an eight-match winning streak against Kansas State, including a pair of three-game wins last season.
- Among Nebraska's 66 wins in the series with Kansas State, 54 have been two- (11) or three-game (43) sweeps.
- ▶ Kansas State is the only Big 12 Conference team to beat NU at home during the past four seasons.



Player of the Match



About Jen

- ▶ Full Name: Jennifer Salaialii Saleaumua
- Parents: Wes and Elaine Saleaumua
- ▶ Major: General Studies
- ▶ Birthday: Jan. 31, 1983
- ▶ Place of Birth: National City, Calif.

Honors and Awards

- ▶ 2003 Preseason All-Big 12
- ▶ 2002 First-Team All-Big 12
- ▶ 2002 US Bank/Arby's Classic All-Tournament Team

2003 Update

NU Coach John Cook has labeled Jennifer Saleaumua as the Huskers' top all-around player, and the sophomore outside hitter is proving why during Big 12 Conference play.

In league matches, Saleuamua has quietly taken over the team lead in kills per game (3.67) and ranks second in digs per game (3.25). She is hitting .337 against conference teams and has compiled eight service aces, which ranks fourth on the team and is the highest among the Huskers who don't jump serve. Saleaumua ranked ninth in the Big 12 in service aces and sixth in digs in the Oct. 6 conference statistical rankings.

Although she is known more for her defensive play, Saleaumua has been hurting teams with her offense in recent weeks. She has posted double-figure kill totals in eight of Nebraska's last nine matches after reaching the mark just once in NU's first six contests. She had a career-best 19 kills against Kansas on Wednesday.

Saleaumua has hit over .400 in four of her last seven matches. She bettered her season-high hitting percentage in three straight matches from Sept. 20 to Sept. 27. She hit at a .407 clip at Texas on Sept. 20 while leading NU with 13 kills. Saleaumua bettered the mark with a .445 (12-2-22) hitting percentage against Iowa State on Sept. 24, then topped that with a .476 (12-2-21) hitting percentage against Texas Tech three days later.

Tonight's Rosters

Nebraska Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	Hometown (High School/Last School)
1	Amanda McCormick	DS/L	5-8	Fr.	Muncie, Ind. (Burris Laboratory)
2	Michelle Lynch	S	5-11	So.	Jacksonville, Ill. (Jacksonville)
3	Christina Houghtelling	MB	6-2	Fr.	Cambridge, Neb. (Cambridge)
4	Emily Schroeder	OH	5-11	Fr.	Belden, Neb. (Laurel-Concord)
6	Jenae Dowling	DS/L	5-6	Sr.	Fort Wayne, Ind. (Northrop)
7	Dani Mancuso	OH	6-2	Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (Omaha Gross)
8	Melissa Elmer	MB	6-2	So.	Fort Wayne, Ind. (Northrop)
10	Kelsey Fautsch	OH	6-1	R-Fr.	Chisago Lakes, Minn. (Chisago Lakes)
13	Ally Rebholz	OH	6-1	Jr.	Indianapolis, Ind. (Cathedral)
15	Sara Westling	MB	6-2	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Northeast/Pacific)
16	Anna Schrad	OH	6-2	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Pius X)
18	Dani Busboom	S	5-11	Fr.	Cortland, Neb. (Freeman)
26	Jennifer Saleaumua	OH	5-11	So.	National City, Calif. (Bonita Vista)

Head Coach: John Cook, Fourth Year (San Diego, 1979), 111-5 Overall, 67-0 Big 12 Asst. Coaches: Craig Skinner, Fourth Year (Ball State, 1993); Charlene Tagaloa, First Year (BYU, 1999)

Kansas State Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	Hometown (High School)
1	Kelly Cook	S	5-5	Jr.	Sterling, Kan. (Bethel College)
2	Joy Hamlin	MB	6-3	RFr.	Douglass, Kan. (Winfield)
3	Lauren Goerhing	MB	6-0	Sr.	Fort Worth, Texas (Fossil Ridge)
4	Lisa Martin	MB	6-0	Jr.	Hutchinson, Kan. (Hutchinson)
5	Laura Downey-Wallace	L/S	5-9	Sr.	La Mesa, Calif. (Helix)
6	Sandy Werner	OH	5-11	Fr.	Topeka, Kan. (Washburn Rural)
7	Katie Stanzel	OH	6-1	So.	Omaha, Neb. (Marian)
8	Jamie Perkins	OH	6-0	RFr.	Council Bluffs, Iowa (Thomas Jefferson)
9	Gabby Guerre	S	6-1	Jr.	Houston, Texas (Mayde Creek)
10	Kris Jensen	L	5-8	Sr.	Fowler, Colo. (Fowler)
11	Cari Jensen	OH	6-0	Sr.	Fowler, Colo. (Fowler)
12	Valeria Hejjas	OH	5-11	Jr.	Kexskermet, Hungary (Matyas Karaics)
13	Molly Lindquist	MB	5-11	RFr.	Manhattan, Kan. (Manhattan)
14	Michaela Franklin	HO,	5-10	Jr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Northern Michigan)

Head Coach: Suzie Fritz, Third Year (Florida Atlantic, 1994)

Asst. Coaches: Jeff Grove, Second Year (Azusa Pacific, 1991); Justin Ingram, Third Year (Iowa State, 1995)



Statistical Leaders

Player	kpg	pct.	apg	sapg	dpg	bpg
Melissa Elmer	2.82	.314	0.09	0.42	0.67	1.73
Jennifer Saleaumua	3.08	.287	0.39	0.31	3.41	0.67
Anna Schrad	3.46	.216	0.20	0.26	2.67	0.56
Lauren Goehring	3.50	.443	0.31	0.18	1.34	1.03
Gabby Guerre	1.63	.335	12.37	0.45	1.98	0.85
Valeria Hejjas	3.47	.262	0.11	0.31	1.34	0.47

USA Today/AVCA Coaches Poll (Oct. 6)

Rk.	Team	Points	Record	LW	Rk.T	èam	Points	Record	LW
1.	USC (65)	1,625	14-0	1	14.	Santa Clara	723	11-5	16
2.	Hawaii	1,547	15-1	2	15.	Notre Dame	642	12-2	17
3.	Florida	1,508	16-1	3	16.	Michigan State	605	10-4	14
4.	Stanford	1,418	12-2	4	17.	Louisville	564	9-3	18
5.	Georgia Tech	1,361	16-0	5	18.	San Diego	509	13-3	19
6.	Pepperdine	1,280	12-2	6	19.	UC Santa Barbara	490	8-5	15
7.	Nebraska	1,222	14-1	7	20.	Loyola Marymoun	t 425	17-2	21
8.	UCLA	1,185	12-2	8	21.	Wisconsin	354	11-4	20
9.	California	1,099	14-0	9	22.	Colorado State	202	13-4	25
10.	Northern Iowa	1,014	14-2	10	23.	Pacific	123	8-5	23
11.	Penn State	981	15-1	11	24.	Texas A&M	98	10-5	22
12.	Kansas State	880	14-3	12	25.	Long Beach State	65	10-3	NR
13.	Washington	818	11-4	13					

2003 H	Husker Schedule	
Illinois Sta	ate Tournament (Normal,	Ill.)
8/29	vs. Clemson	W, 3-0
8/30	vs. Illinois	W, 3-0
8/30	at Illinois State	W, 3-1
Nokia Suga (New Orlea	ar Bowl Tournament	
9/5	vs. New Orleans	W, 3-0
9/6	vs. Louisiana State	W, 3-0
9/5	at Tulane	W, 3-0
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	Arby's Classic (Lincoln, N	<u>eb.)</u>
9/12	No. 13 Santa Clara	W, 3-1
9/13	No. 17 Michigan State	W, 3-0
9/14	No. 10 Georgia Tech+	L, 2-3
9/17	Texas A&M*+	W, 3-2
9/20	at Texas*	W, 3-0
9/24	vs. Iowa State* (Omaha	
9/27	Texas Tech*	W, 3-0
10/1	Colorado*+	W, 3-0
10/4	at Oklahoma*	W, 3-0
10/8	at Kansas*	W, 3-1
10/11	Kansas State*	5 p.m.
10/15	Missouri*+#	8 p.m.
10/18	at Baylor*	7 p.m.
10/25	Iowa State* (Devaney)	TBA
10/28	at Texas Tech*	7 p.m.
11/1	Oklahoma*+	7 p.m.
11/2	Northern Iowa#	5 p.m.
11/5	at Texas A&M*	7 p.m.
11/8	at Missouri*	7 p.m.
11/12	Texas*+#	8 p.m.
11/15	at Kansas State*	7 p.m.
11/19	Kansas*	7 p.m.
11/22	Baylor (Senior Night)*	7 p.m.
11/26	at Colorado	8 p.m.
12/4-7	NCAA First/Second	
	Rounds	TBA
12/11-14	NCAA Regionals	TBA
		32 (183) Lev

All times are Central. Home matches in bold and at the NU Coliseum unless otherwise noted.

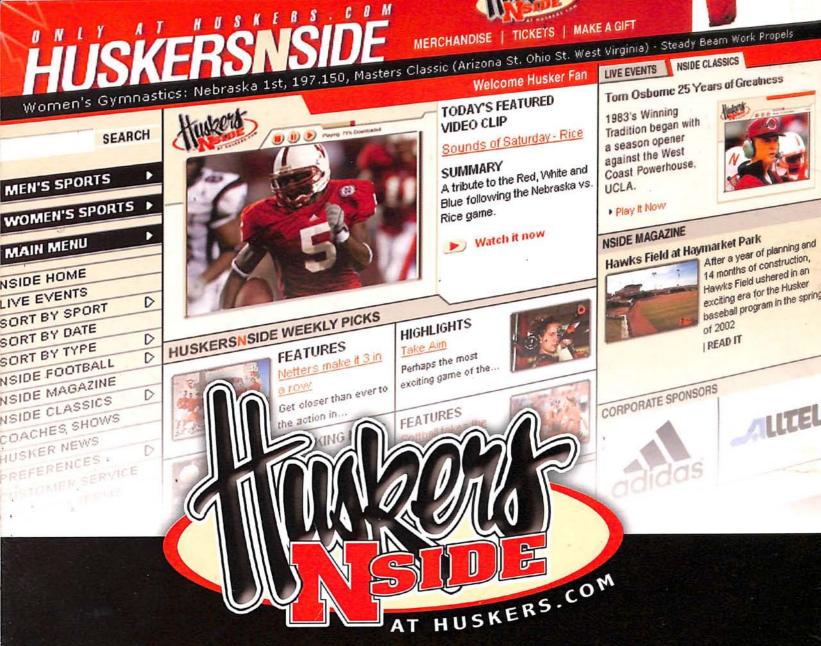
NCAA Championships TBA

*Denotes Big 12 Conference match. +Match televised by NETV. #Match televised by CSTV. All matches broadcast by the Pinnacle Sports Network.

Big I2 Standings

12/18-20

Rk.	Team	Big 12	Overall
1.	Nebraska	7-0	15-1
2.	Kansas State	5-1	15-3
3.	Missouri	5-2	12-4
4.	Texas	4-2	9-6
5.	Colorado	3-3	11-5
	Kansas	3-3	11-6
	Texas A&M	3-3	10-6
8.	Baylor	2-4	10-9
9.	Iowa State	2-5	9-8
10.	Oklahoma	1-5	9-9
11.	Texas Tech	0-7	8-8



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